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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to the Applicants and/or their attorney to be in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56. A copy of each document ("A1-A6" and - "C1-C39") is also being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

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